CHAPTER 57.

TAX IN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

AN ACT to amend Section 89 of Chapter 172 of the Acts of the Ninth General Assembly, and to authorize Independent School Districts to levy a tax not to exceed ten mills on the dollar, on the taxable property of such Districts.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That Section 89 of Chapter 172 Amendment. of the Acts of the Ninth General Assembly be amended by adding to said Section the following: Provided That it shall be lawful for the electors of any Independent School District at the annual meeting of such Tax. District to vote a tax not exceeding ten mills on the dollar, in any one year, on the taxable property of such District, as the meeting may deem sufficient for the purchase of grounds and the construction of the necessary school houses for the use of such Independent District, and for the payment of any debts contracted for the erection of such school houses and for procuring library and apparatus for the use of the schools of such Independent District.

Approved March 19th, 1864.

CHAPTER 58.

SHIP CANAL.

AN ACT to provide for the preliminary survey of a Ship Canal route from the State of Iowa Eastward to the Illinois River.

WHEREAS, it has been represented that Congress has Preamble. in contemplation the passage of an act for the construction of a Ship Canal from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River; and whereas, should such improvement follow the line of the Illinois River exclusively, the products not only of Iowa, but of a vast region of country North and West thereof, will have to follow a long and circuitous route in order to reach their proper market; and whereas, the combined interests of the States of Iowa and Minnesota wholly, and of Wisconsin and Illinois largely require a direct eastern communication with the lakes, therefore